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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response which expired on August 21, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the application be amended as follows: